

AMENDMENT
December 20, 2005

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REMARKS

Claims 5 – 29 remain in the application. Claims 12 – 28 are allowed. Claims 1 – 3 were previously cancelled and claim 4 is canceled herein. Claims 4, 6 and 8 – 10 are objected to for depending from a rejected base claim. Claim 29 is amended to include the recitations of cancelled objected to claim 4 and is believed to be allowable. No new matter has been added.

Claims 4, 6 and 8 – 10 are objected to for depending from a rejected base claim. Since claim 29 is amended to include the recitations of cancelled objected to claim 4 and, therefore, is believed to be allowable; claims 6 and 8 – 10, which depend from amended claim 29, no longer depend from a rejected base claim. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to claims 6 and 8 – 10 is respectfully requested.

Claims 5, 7, 11 and 29 are rejected under 35 US §103(a) over Lenosky in view of Kono et al. However, as noted herein above, claim 29 is amended to include the recitations of cancelled objected to claim 4. Further, since claims 5, 7 and 11 depend from claim 29, claims 5, 7 and 11 are believed allowable. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejection of claims 5, 7, 11 and 29.

The applicants thank the Examiner for efforts, both past and present, in examining the application. Believing the application to be in condition for allowance, both for the amendment to the claims and for the reasons set forth above, the applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the objection to claims 6 and 8 – 10, reconsider and withdraw the rejection of claims 5, 7, 11 and 29 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), and allow the application to issue.

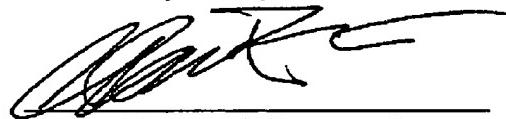
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Should the Examiner believe anything further may be required, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the local telephone number listed below for a telephonic or personal interview to discuss any other changes.

Please charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 50-0510 and advise us accordingly.

Respectfully Submitted,



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